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Appl No. : 10/613,492 Confirmation No. 4427  
Applicant : Kazuo Kabayashi  
Filed : July 2, 2003  
Title : DICING TAPE APPLYING APPARATUS AND BACK-  
GRINDING/DICING TAPE APPLYING SYSTEM  
TC/A.U. : 1734  
Examiner : Linda Lamey Gray  
Docket No. : 50649/DBP/A400  
Customer No. : 23363

**RESPONSE TO DECEMBER 7, 2004 REQUIREMENT FOR RESTRICTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
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Commissioner:

Responsive to the Requirement for Restriction Applicant hereby elects Claim Group I, claims 1-4.

Early allowance of this application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,  
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